

**805D-209-1140**  
**Research Indigenous Religions**  
**Status: Approved**

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**Conditions:** Given a tactical or non-tactical environment, access to Religious Requirements, and Practices: A Chaplain Handbook, Civil Affairs Office or Liaison, a list of local religious organizations, other sources of information, general office supplies and equipment and coordinating instructions. This task should not be trained in MOPP 4.

**Standards:** Find and organize pertinent information concerning local religions for the UMT or Command Staff for use as directed by the supervisor.

**Special Conditions:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low

**MOPP 4:** Never

Task Statements
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**Cue:** None

<div><b>DANGER</b></div>
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None
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<div><b>WARNING</b></div>
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None
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<div><b>CAUTION</b></div>
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None
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**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** None

## Performance Steps

1. Finding reliable information about religion is difficult. There is much information available on the World Wide Web. Sorting through it to find what you need is a challenge. You need to remember the following four guidelines

- a. Much if not most of the information about religion on the web is not reliable.
- b. There is no such thing as unbiased information about religion.
- c. What is on the Web has a totally different focus than what you are looking for.
- d. Large religious groups frequently have wide variations within them.

2. That being said, you can find reliable information if you:

- a. Prefer information from the "official" website of a religious group. At least you know its bias.
- b. Avoid information from one religious group about another religious group. It is the least reliable source of information

c. The Army source of information about religious practices is "Religious Requirements and Practices: A Chaplain Handbook. It is focussed on accommodation of religious practices and treats American Religions. The source for this information is the Institute for the Study of American Religion which specializes in preparing accurate and targeted summaries of religious information. The Encyclopedia of American Religion by J. Gordon Melton also comes from this source.

d. <http://www.usachcs.army.mil/Library2/IndigReligMain.htm>The Chaplain School Library website provides a portal for web-based information on religion:

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

**Evaluation Guidance:** Soldiers should be evaluated based on their ability to perform the tasks in accordance with the performance measures listed in this manual. Soldiers who miss any performance measure should be retrained and reevaluated.

### Evaluation Preparation:

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Familiarizes self with contents of religious requirements and practices. A handbook for chaplains.			
2. Refers to religious requirements and practices: A handbook for chaplains when asked question to see if the religion in question is described.			
3. Shows the soldier the portion of the handbook that explains the religion in question.			
4. Refers the soldier with further questions, not covered in the handbook, to one of the following:			
a. Chaplain			
b. Chapel library			
c. Post Library			
d. Education center			
e. Appropriate local religious organization			
f. Chaplain assistant supervisor			

### Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	AR 165-1	Army Chaplain Corps Activities	Yes	No
	DA PAM 165-3	Chaplain Training Strategy	Yes	No
	FM 1-05	Religious Support	Yes	No
	RB 16-3	Religious Requirements and Practices: A Chaplain Handbook	Yes	No

**TADSS :** None

**Equipment Items (LIN):** None

**Materiel Items (NSN) :**

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
No materiel items specified				

**Environment:** Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to the current Environmental Considerations manual and the current GTA Environmental-related Risk Assessment card. Environmental protection is a continual process. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment and reduce waste.

**Safety:** In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with ATP 5-19, Risk Management. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection, FM 3-11.5, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination. Everyone is responsible for safety. A thorough risk assessment must be completed prior to every mission or operation.

**Prerequisite Individual Tasks :** None

**Supporting Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Individual Tasks :**

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
805D-211-3312	Conduct Religious Information Briefing	805D - Chaplain (Individual)	Analysis
805D-209-5008	Manage Religious Support in the Operating Environment	805D - Chaplain (Individual)	Approved
805D-211-3319	Manage Information Flow for the Brigade Unit Ministry Team	805D - Chaplain (Individual)	Approved

**Supported Collective Tasks :**

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
16-8-3001	Coordinate Military Religious Support (Battalion-Corps)	16 - Chaplain (Collective)	Obsolete